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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants disclose the following information:

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,015,431, inventors Thornton et al., issued January 18, 2000;
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,674,276, inventors Andersen et al., issued October 7, 1997;
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,591,172, inventors Bachmann et al., issued January 7, 1997;
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,950,227, inventor Savin et al., issued August 21, 1990;
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,922,905, inventor Strecker, issued May 8, 1990;
6. U.S. Patent No. 4,733,665, inventor Palmaz, issued March 29, 1988;
7. Pages 39-50 of Wound Closure Biomaterials and Devices, edited by Chih-Chang Chu, J. Anthony von Frankhofer and Howard P. Geisler, published by CRC Press, Inc. (1997);
8. Davies et al., "Percutaneous Cystogastrostomy with a New Catheter for Drainage of Pancreatic Pseudocysts and Fluid Collections," Cardiovasc. Intervent. Radiol., 19:128-31 (1996);
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10. Dean et al., "Pancreatic pseudocyst with gastric and colonic connections treated conservatively," Br. J. Surg., 67:429-30 (1980);
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12. Vitale et al., "Endoscopic drainage of the pancreatic pseudocyst," Surgery, 126(4):616-23 (1999); and
13. Espinel et al., "Endoscopic Transpapillary Drainage of an Infected Pancreatic Fluid Collection in Pancreas Divisum," Digestive Diseases and Sciences, 45(2):237-41 (2000).

Copies of the foregoing documents are not being provided with this paper since these documents are of record in USSN 09/843,449, filed April 26, 2001, of which the present application is a divisional application claiming the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120. These documents are, however, listed on the enclosed PTO Form FB-A820. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above-listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the enclosed form.

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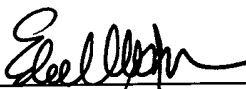
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